

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1387

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sophia Graves for her outstanding vocal performance during the Monroe County Memorial Day Ceremony.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary young citizens of this State who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to encourage and promote patriotism among their peers; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable person is Sophia Graves, a kindergarten student at Madisonville Primary; and

WHEREAS, with pride and great respect, Sophia Graves sang an inspiring version of the patriotic song, "Proud to be an American" on the steps of the Monroe County Courthouse during the Memorial Day Ceremony held May 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Brian and Melissa Graves of Madisonville, Sophia's performance was especially poignant, as her father is currently deployed to Iraq as a member of the 253rd Military Police Unit, Tennessee National Guard, based in Lenoir City; and

WHEREAS, Sophia Graves truly rose to this special occasion to honor the brave men and women of our nation's armed forces, and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most talented young persons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Sophia Graves for her inspired vocal performance during the Monroe County Memorial Day Ceremony as she paid special tribute to those valiant men and women in uniform who secure the blessings of liberty for the people of this great Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.